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## **Press Release**

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Information is power when it comes to combating the current H1N1 flu event. To that end, the Public Information Officers of several area agencies have come together to create a Joint Information Center (JIC). The purpose of the JIC is to coordinate and distribute information needed by the public. By working together JIC members are able to gather the latest, most accurate data and promote agencies speaking with one voice.

"While each agency remains independent, we will coordinate our efforts so that the public receives accurate and timely information says" Dwayne Caldwell, Vanderburgh County Health Department

The JIC plans daily press releases, Monday – Friday and/or as warranted by current events. The JIC will also organize press conferences, support public education efforts and serve as rumor control for the event.

## The members of the JIC include:

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